

REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Communication, the Examiner indicated that, because the Amendment and Response to the Office Action filed May 4, 2004 failed to include a listing of the complete text of the pending and withdrawn claims in the pending application, the Amendment and Response was non-compliant under 37 C.F. R. § 1.21.

Claims 34, 35 and 37 were inadvertently listed as "previously withdrawn" in the response filed August 4, 2004. Claims 34, 35, and 37 were cancelled in the amendment filed February 4, 2004 and their cancellation acknowledged by the Examiner in the Office Action dated May 4, 2004. Submitted herewith is a complete listing of the claims in the pending application, marked as amended in the response filed August 4, 2004, with claims 34, 35 and 37 correctly shown as "cancelled".

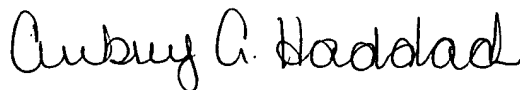
CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that for the reasons set forth above, claims 1-33 and 36 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request prompt and favorable action. The shortened statutory period for reply expires on September 17, 2004, therefore Applicants believe this response is timely filed and no additional fee is due. However, in the event that any additional fees are required for the filing of this response, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 23-2415.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (858) 350-2319.

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